

GOOD NEWS



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St. Paul Lutheran Church

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast

1490 AM or 92.1 FM

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Vicar: Hans Tolpingrud

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;

As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our

Faith through studying God's Word and

Worshipping God.

An Invitation

You are invited to attend a coffee and cake reception for Pastor Tim in honor of his 30th ordination anniversary on Sunday, August 20th immediately following the church service.

We want to honor his faithful service and dedication to St Paul. Please come and share your congratulations & appreciation to Pastor Tim.





People in the church are not perfect. Mistakes and misjudgments are made. We sin and we fall short of the glory of God. But as Christians sin does not wholly define who we are. The grace of God defines us. We are forgiven and thus we are called Saints. The church seeks to emphasize this redemption through Jesus Christ rather than castigating people for their sin. The sins of people are condemned but the Saints of God are not.

A preacher once visited a farmer to talk about coming to worship.

"I wouldn't come to church there," the farmer said. "I know old Joe and Sam and they don't live any differently than I do. I'm as good as they are."

And everywhere the farmer went, he told about the hypocrites in the church. Months passed by and the preacher went to see the farmer again. "I want to buy a hog," said the preacher. The farmer showed all his best hogs to him. Then they came to the runt. "That's the one I want to buy," said the preacher.

"But you don't want that runt, do you?" asked the farmer.

"I sure do," replied the preacher. They loaded the runt on the truck and as the preacher left, he said, "Now I'm going to ride all over this area and tell folks that this is the kind of hogs you raise."

"That's not fair," the farmer exclaimed. "I have some nice hogs and you want to show people that runt!"

"If it's fair for the church, it's fair for the hogs," the preacher replied.

When we knock other people down, we are not telling the whole truth about them. We are also knocking our own selves down as well. Moreover, we are rejecting that God can and does love us, and that God can and does work through us.

The 8th Commandment says, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Martin Luther's explanation is helpful: "We are to fear and love God so that we do not betray, slander, or lie about our neighbor, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain his actions in the kindest way."

We are compelled to build up the community of faith. Speak well of fellow members and of the church as a whole. Encourage others to come to worship. Work to strengthen the church where people will want to come and be a part before anything else stands in their way.

Your Pastor,
Tim W Muehlbrad



"Remember, the pastor said we should not 'Bear false witness against our neighbor.' So before you tell Mrs. Jones, ask Mrs. Brown where Mrs. Smith heard about Mrs. Green."



Over the course of the last month or so, as we've transitioned into the time after Pentecost, you have hopefully seen the additions to our Communion Weekend Bulletins. For these services (both Saturdays and Sundays) there are **scripture verses**

listed after almost every part of the service that help us identify some of the biblical roots of the different parts of our liturgy in our worship services. Because of the way that we format bulletins, and the fact that we need to be able to read our bulletins as we participate in the Liturgy, the Apostle's Creed only has a couple of verses listed by it. But the truth is that there are far more scriptural pieces that resulted in the formation of the creeds than we could really list in the bulletin. So I wanted to list some of them here, hopefully as a helpful resource for learning about some of the biblical basis of the Apostle's Creed (and a lot of these apply to the Nicene Creed as well).

I believe in God, the Father almighty, (*Mt 5:45; Hab. 2:4; Rom. 4:5; Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:6; Psalm 89:27; Mt 7:11; Gen 7:1; 2 Cor. 6:18*)

Creator of heaven and earth, (*Gen 1:1; Rom 1:20; Psalm 33:6; John 5:17*)

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, (*Mt 3:17; Phil 2:12; Zech. 9:9; Mt 1:21; Daniel 9:24; John 3:34; Zech. 13:7; John 1:14; Psalm 2:7; Mt 16:16; Jer. 23:6; John 20:28*)

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, (*Luke 1:35; Jer. 31:22; Luke 1:31; Daniel 2:45; Mt 1:20*)

born of the Virgin Mary, (*Luke 2:7; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:14; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:43*)

suffered under Pontius Pilate, (*John 19:16; Isaiah 50:6; Luke 23:25; Psalm 2:2; Luke 18:32*)

was crucified, died, and was buried. (*John 19:29 – 42; Psalm 22:17; John 3:14; Daniel 9:26; Rom. 5:8; Isaiah 53:9; John 12:24*)

He descended into hell; (*1 Pet 3:19 – 20; Psalm 16:10; Ephesians 4:9*)

on the third day He rose again, (*Mt 28:1-10; John 20:11-18; Hosea 6:2; Mt 26:32; Acts 10:40-41; Isaiah 63:1; 2 Timothy 2:8*)

He ascended into heaven, (*Luke 24:51; Psalm 68:19; Col. 2:15*) and is seated at the right hand of the Father, (*Heb. 1:3; Mark 14:36; Psalm 110:1; Mark 16:19*)

He will come again (*Mt 16:27; Acts 10:39; Isaiah 66:15; Acts 1:11*)

to judge the living and the dead. (*1 Cor. 15:51; Wisdom 6:6; Acts 17:31; Daniel 12:2*)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, (*John 14:15 – 20; Acts 1:7 – 8; Zech. 12:10; John 15:26*)

the holy catholic Church, (*Mt 16:18 – 19; Ephesians 5:26-27; Col 1:24; Psalm 45:14; Psalm 22:26; Mt 16:18*)

the communion of Saints, (*Mt 28:19 – 20; 2 Cor. 11:13; 1 Cor. 15:33; Exodus 19:5; Ephesians 4:3*)

the forgiveness of sins, (*John 20:22 – 23; Psalm 32:1; Acts 10:43*)

the resurrection of the body, (*1 Cor 15:51 – 54; 1 Thes. 4:13 – 18; Isaiah 66:14; John 5:28*)

and life everlasting. Amen (*1 John 5:20; Psalm 16:11; 1 Pet 1:4; Psalm 72:19; 2 Cor. 1:20*)

Vicar Hans



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 13, 2017

The Church Council meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Bill Klaevemann, president. Present for the meeting were Pastor Tim Muehlbrad, Bill Klaevemann, Christopher Gohmert, John Frels, Beverly Bruns, Lois Kelch, Raymond Lange, Rebecca Innocenti, Linda Hurta, and Dorothy Mayfield.

Devotion Linda Hurta gave the devotion.

Minutes With no additions or corrections, the minutes stand approved as printed.

REPORTS

A. Treasurer With the usual items on the treasurer's report and with no corrections, John made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Stewardship no report

C. Youth no report

D. Worship Chris expressed thanks and appreciation to everyone that helped with Vacation Bible School.

E. Social Concerns no report

F. Property Raymond reported the following items were taken care of: Ordered and installed a cell phone for the security system(which is working), put a new hose and wand on pressure washer, sprayed the pecan trees, shredded the front of the cemetery, replaced 4 thermostats for the church with covers, replaced 4 windows, repaired 1 toilet and 1 urinal, bought a weed-eater on wheels for the cemetery. Work on the parking lot expansion will begin on Wednesday. Additional bids for the covered walkway from the Education building are being sought. The handrails are being constructed.

G. Parish Education by Rebecca Innocenti

The community-wide Vacation Bible School was held June 26-30 and was a great success due to Tina Boehm's coordination and supervision of the many volunteers from the St. Paul, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist congregations and the community at large. Close to 160 children registered with nearly 150 of them attending each day. Some of the lead volunteers have already committed to helping again next year and the other churches have expressed their excitement over being a part of it this year with plans to participate again in 2018. The VBS offering was given as a blessing to Hunter Jacobs who recently had a heart transplant. The \$5,000 gift was received by Hunter's grandparents during the closing ceremony. Many thanks go out to those who volunteered their time, gave monetary support, and donated snacks. VBS would not be possible without your support. A special thank you goes out to Larry, Chris, and Hillary for making the annual water day an extra treat!

The K-8th grade Sunday School students celebrated Pentecost at the big tree. During June, the children learned about various ways members may serve our congregation. They met with Sue Bolting and Janet Lambrecht who serve others by crocheting blankets in the cradle workshop and with Luellen Smiley and Sandra Heil who tie quilts on Do-Days. The ladies shared in detail who receives these gifts and how we can all share God's love through these ministries. Jay Heil demonstrated the various tasks of an Usher. Sue Bolting and Linda Hurta took care to explain how Holy Communion is set up, how shut ins are blessed through the Eucharistic Ministry, how the Altar Guild members make weekly preparations, and they shed light on the Eternal Light near the Altar.

H. C.E.M. The staff members are attending some training classes. The number of students stayed in the 50's this summer. Total attendance now is 57 with 77 as the maximum number allowed.

I. Evangelism/Outreach An ad will be placed in the 2017 football poster through the Yorktown News/View for \$80. The floral arrangement for the altar, on Father's Day didn't happen

J. Christian Life Linda noted that on June 11 the movie was enjoyed by approximately 23 people. Those present expressed that they would enjoy another such event. On July 2, approximately 110 people attended the Welcome Brunch for Vicar Hans and Anne. On July 30th a potluck meal is scheduled.

K. Cemetery

L. Vicar Hans Professional activities include 9 worship services, 3 Church meetings, and 3 educational events. He assisted with 1 Baptism. "Stuff the Truck" boxes have been purchased out of the internship budget. They are hoping to have at least two full boxes of supplies to take to the Convocation in August. Vicar Hans is attending Confirmation Camp until July 14th.

Vicar Hans and Anne want to give a grand "THANK YOU" to the congregation for their wonderful and warm reception for Anne and Hans on their return from Edmonton. "The event was lovely and we were both overwhelmed by the congregation's care and generosity for us. Thank You!"

M. Pastor Tim Professional activities during June 2017 include 9 worship services, 3 hospital visits, 6 home visits, 8 education events, 1 week of VBS Music co-leader. Official acts include rite of Confirmation, wedding of Henry Chinnery and Valerie Waskow, baptism, and wedding of Harvey Mueller and Shirley Janssen. Pastor received word from the Intern coordinator for the NALC that at this time we will not be hosting an intern in the Fall, but may have one start in January.

OLD BUSINESS

A. We are waiting on additional bids for the Fellowship Hall covered entrance.

B. Dates and Food for Bar Be Que The date and possible food to be served are still to be determined.

C. Handrail donation Raymond made a motion to accept the donation of money to purchase handrails to be added to the front entrance along the sides. Linda seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW MEMBERS Chris made a motion to accept Henry and Valerie Chinnery as new members. Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Possible temporary employment for Vicar Hans John made a motion to temporarily employ Vicar Hans, at the end of his internship, on a monthly basis at a salary of \$3,400 a month pending discontinuation of employment. Raymond seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. Review area for office space and classroom Members viewed areas around church property to try to determine a place for a possible office for Youth Director and classroom for an adult Sunday School class.

D. August Meeting Rebecca made a motion to change the August Council meeting to August 17th. Linda seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Cemetery Lawn care Ray made a motion to hire 3 individuals at \$10.80 an hour for each person as part-time laborer custodians

of lawn care at the cemetery. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

F. Use of parking lot by Presbyterians Chris made a motion to approve the use of the St. Paul Parking lot for use by the Presbyterians on August 5th for the Health Fair they are sponsoring. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

G. Request by member Ray made a motion to approve funding for an individual to have their bathroom, which is almost unusable, remodeled. Payments would be made directly to the contractor in 3 draws. The first draw at the beginning, the second at the halfway point, and the final draw when the project is completed. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment Linda made a motion to adjourn, Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Mayfield

2017 COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT - Bill Klaevemann – 649-2753

SECRETARY - Dorothy Mayfield - 550-9136

PARISH ED - Rebecca Innocenti – 649-6163

STEWARDSHIP - John Frels – 550-7382

WORSHIP - Christopher Gohmert – 579-8803

CHRISTIAN LIFE - Linda Hurta - 564-2363

PROPERTY – Raymond Lange – 571-7629

SOCIAL CONCERNS – Judy Taylor – 564-3894

YOUTH - Beverly Bruns – 564-9115

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Lois Kelch - 361-401-0150

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2017	June 2017
Income	187,841.86	27,657.51
Expenses	(178,777.83)	(32,328.72)
NET	9,064.03	(4,671.21)
BUILDING FUND	YTD 2017	June 2017
Income	63,156.26	2,629.83
Expense	(29,045.38)	(3,688.65)
NET	34,110.88	(1,058.82)



THANK YOU!!!

Dear St Paul Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the warm and wonderful reception for us after our wedding and honeymoon. It means so much to have this community supporting us as we begin our life together. The welcome and the generosity were unexpected and overwhelming and we will keep that experience with us as a treasured memory of our time here.

Peace, Thanks, and Blessings,
Hans & Anne Tolpingrud

The Christian Life committee has planned the following events. Please come join us and other members of the church for delicious food and fellowship. Sharing a meal with other Christians gives nourishment to the soul as well as the body.



July 30 th	Sunday Lunch 11:15 A.M.	Pot Luck (Bring your favorite dish)
Aug. 27 th	Rally Day	Picnic Style Hamburger Meal (bring your favorite dessert)



The Women of St. Paul
Nursing Home Party
Tuesday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m.

FAITH – 2 cakes
GRACE – Gift & 1 Cake
JOY - Program



CRADLE WORKSHOP MEETING SCHEDULE

Cradle Workshop is in need of supplies for the
Gabriel Project: 14oz Red Heart Yarn solid colors only.
(Pink, Blue, Yellow or White)

The schedule for monthly meetings for the remainder of 2017 and for 2018 are as follows:

Sept. 12th – 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 10th – 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 14^h – 1:30 p.m.
Dec. – No Meeting
Jan 9th 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 13th 2018 – 1:30 p.m.
March 13th 2018 – 1:30 p.m.
April 10th 2018 – 1:30 p.m.
May – Summer break

Thanks for your support
Janet Lambrecht & Sue Bolting

MANY THANKS!!!

A big thank you to all those who helped provide food and helped clean-up at the Welcome Brunch for Vicar Hans and Anne. Also many thanks to the members of the Christian Life Committee for their tireless enthusiasm in planning, organizing, setting up, and providing food for events like this.



Christian Life Chairman
Linda Hurta

 <p>CHURCH MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>For Church repairs, maintenance or anything that might need fixing in or around St Paul Lutheran, please contact Ray Lange at 361-571-7629.</p>
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Words of Wellness –August 2017

A Wholistic Approach to Success



All across America children are heading back to school. There are always mixed feelings associated with this annual end of summer/beginning of fall rite of passage. There is the excitement of a new school year—perhaps even a new school—and the excitement of reconnecting with friends. There is all regret over losing the slower, unstructured rhythms of summer. And then there is the one topic that almost all children and parents—and probably even a few teachers—are dreading, and that is the topic of homework.

The debate over the escalation of homework, both the amount assigned and the appropriateness of homework for young children, has been increasing for some time. Enter Mrs. Young into this debate. Mrs. Young is a second grade teacher in Godley, Texas who shared the note pictured above with the parents of her students at a “Meet the Teacher” night last week. One of the parents posted the note on Facebook and it has now been viewed by millions of people on line.

My wife, Holly, is now a marriage and family therapist and is the lead author of our Living Compass Teen and Parent resources. Before doing this work though, she taught for many years in the classroom, in multiple grades ranging from kindergarten to high school. She shared Mrs. Young’s note on her own Facebook page and asked for feedback from her friends around the country—many of whom are currently parents of school age children and teachers. It’s safe to say that posting this note elicited more feedback than almost anything else she has ever posted. All of it was supportive of Mrs. Young’s approach, yet not completely. Several people argued for the importance of at least some meaningful homework, but stressed that the balance that Mrs. Young is seeking to create for students and family’s needs to be applauded.

Here is what Mrs. Young recommends that students and families do together to replace homework time. “I ask that you spend your evenings doing things that are proven to correlate with student success. Eat dinner as a family, read together, play outside, and get your child to bed early.” Note that she is still very concerned about the growth and development of her students. She just happens to believe that there are other factors in addition to school work that contribute to a student’s success.



I happen to agree with the spirit of Mrs. Young’s holistic approach to success. In fact, I think her recommendations are quite helpful for adults as well. Who amongst us couldn’t benefit from spending more time connecting with family and friends,

reading, playing outside, and getting plenty of sleep? That's a nightly homework routine that I believe can help both kids and adults to succeed.

Your Wesley Nurse,

Reference: LivingCompass.com.

Samaritan Family Wellness Foundation. 500 W. Silver Spring Dr. K270
Glendale, WI 53217



Dear Pastor Muehlbrad and St Paul Friends,

Thank you so much for your Water to Thrive donation of \$805.00. We are very grateful for your prayers and support. Your contribution, along with thousands of others, continues to make it possible for Water to Thrive to provide the blessing of fresh, clean water for thousands of families in rural Africa who are struggling to survive.

Your generous donations is transforming lives through the gift of clean, safe water. Families in rural Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania are avoiding illness and early death. Women have time to care for their homes. Children are gaining the opportunity to attend school. You have invested in the change of a community that has the potential to break the cycle of poverty.

Thank you again. Your gift is making a difference in so many lives. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Susanne M Wilson

Executive Director.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! Please get your articles,



thank you notes, announcements, or anything else you would like published in the monthly newsletter into the church office by Wednesday August 23rd. Thank you.

Care Facility Residents



Yorktown Manor –

Roman Baacke, Elorine Domann,
Genell Flessner, Edwina Gaebler,
June Nell Garner, Frances
Hartmann, Lee Roy Jaeger, Ernell
Niemeier, Mary Ann Pfeifer,

Linda Rabke, Norris Schulze, Jean Striedel, Troy Stuart, Myrlin
Wagner, Helen Wieland, Roy Wild

Cuero Nursing & Rehabilitation Center –

Joyce Audilet, Ruth Brandt, Junell Goehring

Whispering Oaks, Cuero – Katherine Brown

Alzcare – Cuero – Melvin Straube, Nathan Mueller

**The church office appreciates your help in keeping this list up to date.
Please notify us of any corrections or additions to this list. Thank you.*



Notes of **THANKS**

Child Outreach International expresses its heartfelt gratitude to St Paul Lutheran Church for donating the amount of \$805.00 which this humble organization gratefully received on 11 July 2017.

Thanks so much for your continued support of this ministry. It is greatly appreciated. God Bless!

Sincerely,
Don Thigpen, Secretary



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
RALLY DAY IS COMING SOON!**



It's time to get ready for the new Sunday School year. We will celebrate Rally Day on Sunday, August 27th. Installation of Sunday School teachers and promotion of Sunday School children will be included in our Worship service.

Parents, please dress your children in casual clothing so they can be comfortable for fun-filled activities planned for the Sunday School hour, including bunco for anyone interested in playing.

The Christian Life Committee will be serving an old-fashioned hamburger lunch in the fellowship hall, so no need to hurry home to cook.

We look forward to having all of you join us to kick off another exciting year of learning and growing together through God's Word.





Summer Sunday School ***Serve the Lord with Gladness!***

Dear Parents,

During August, your children will be learning more about the ways members of St. Paul are able to serve each other, the community, and the rest of the world. We will be learning and growing through God's Word and hope you'll join us!

*In His Service,
Rebecca Innocenti*

8/6 We will visit with Pastor Tim and Vicar Hans to find out about the process of becoming a pastor and all a pastor does to serve a congregation.

8/13 We will learn how Bible stories can be taught to others right inside our church just by looking at beautiful glass illustrations. Can you guess where these are located?

8/20 Join us for a good old fashioned Sunday School Sing-a-Long with our choir. These people will share their gift of music and we can join them in praising God for His salvation through Jesus!

8/27 Celebrate Rally Day with us and bring your children to church for their class promotion. Some will even be meeting new teachers. Games and fellowship will take place during the Sunday School hour and we'll have yummy hamburgers for lunch. Make it a fun extended congregational family day!



AUGUST, 2017

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, August 6, 2017 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Mathew 14:13-21



Sunday, August 13, 2017 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20, 2017 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost



First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm: Psalm 67

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Sunday, August 27, 2017 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 138

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



We keep in our prayers the family and friends of:

Alice Potcinski – who passed away July 17, 2017. Services were held July 24, 2017.

May the power of the resurrection continue to provide them assurance.



In memory of Fred Adix – C.E.M.

Jesse & Linda Hurta

In memory of Fred Adix – Building,

Mary Lou Gerhardt John Hohn

Lyn Janssen Roland & Gail Riedesel

Carlton & Sandra Bolting Beth K Sievers

Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

In memory of Sharon Bethke – Building

Daisy Borgfeld

In memory of Alice Potcinski – Radio

Dr. & Mrs. John Frels

In memory of Alice Potcinski – Cemetery

Arlen & Kathie Fehner

In memory of Alice Potcinski – C.E.M.

Jesse & Linda Hurta Susan & Don Wieland

In memory of Alice Potcinski – Building

Roland & Gail Riedesel Glen & Judy Henze

Lyn Janssen Joyce M Lamprecht

Carl & Sharon Matejek Arlen & Cindy Parma

Charles & Bonnie Riedesel Manroy & Gracie Wolpman

In memory of May Ann Styra – Building

Allen Joyce Baker

In memory of Sharon Bethke – Cemetery

In memory of Rosa Lou Westhoff Skinner – Building

Allen Joyce Baker

In memory of Bryan Weise – Christian Life

Helen Breed

In memory of Audrey Neese and Clarence Niemeier – Building,

Mark & Tracey Niemeier

In memory of Alvin Domann – Cemetery, by Elorine Domann

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